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To the hard working employees at the Big Shop:

Congratulations on your accomplishments of having one of the cleanest maintenance shops in the world, which has earned you the distinct recognition of receiving Idaho's GEMStars award.

Idaho began our GEMStars program in 1999 to encourage water and energy conservation and to reduce waste and pollution. This program recognizes Idahoans that are role models for environmental excellence.

I'm proud to recognize the Big Shop team today as environmental role models. By preventing pollution before it occurs, we protect Idaho's environment. And when we don't have pollution to clean up, we can spend our savings on other priorities.

For INEEL, effective pollution prevention helps affirm our national laboratory's position as an environmental leader. INEEL can invest the money you save through pollution prevention to help ensure a bright future for the site.

Like safety, successful pollution prevention takes dedication and teamwork from every person in an organization. Many of you have contributed ideas to help the Big Shop prevent pollution. Each of you has to follow through on environmental initiatives for them to work.

Through your dedication and teamwork, you have significantly reduced INEEL vehicle emissions and waste while supporting a productive enterprise. That's good for both our environment and our economy.

Not only have you had a positive impact on our state, you've shown national leadership by sharing your ideas to improve fleet operations with government and industrial facilities across the country.

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor

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